MAIL STOP RCE PATENT 8030-1001

## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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STEEL TUBE FOR USE IN REINFORCEMENT OF AUTOMOBILE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 29, 2004

Sir:

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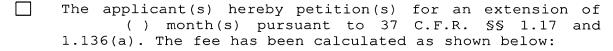
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